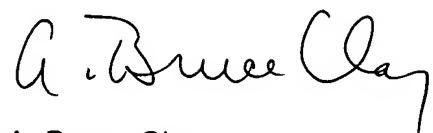


Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~Disclosed are methods, apparatus and computer programs for processing messages in a publish/subscribe message dissemination system. A message broker receives a published message from a publisher program, and responsive Responsive to identification of one or more subscriber programs subscribing to messages of the type of the received message, the broker forwards the received message to the one or more subscriber programs. One or more matcher Matcher components of the system or apparatus compares the received message with stored subscriptions to identify the one or more subscriber programs, generates an alert when an alert condition is satisfied, and compares the generated alert with stored subscriptions to identify one or more subscriber programs subscribing to the alert. The alert is then forwarded to the subscriber program subscribing to the alert. Processing of a generated alert by a matching component of the publish-subscribed message broker enables flexibility for onward dissemination and processing of alerts.~~

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